

# Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 5 verses, read in order, tell of Lucifer's sin of arrogance and his fall from Heaven. This interpretation is shared by many (but not all) Biblical scholars and Commentaries.

**Translation Note:** The name Lucifer was used in the Wycliffe Bible and later in the King James (Authorized) translation in verse 12 of Isaiah 14, and it was kept in the New King James Version. You will not, however, see that used in modern translations, which use some version of "morning star" (NIV), "Day Star" (RSV,NRSV,ESV), "star of the morning" (NASB), "shining one" (YLT), or "shining morning star" (HCSB) – all of which are much closer to the literal meaning of the Hebrew word הֵלֵל (*helel*) found in that verse. It is usually translated as "shining one" or "star of the morning," probably referring to the planet Venus.

How did we get "Lucifer" from "*helel*"? When the Hebrew Bible was translated into Greek (the Septuagint, as it is known today), they used the Greek word Ἑωσφόρος (*heosphoros*), the word for "dawn-bringer" or "morning light." (It comes from the same Greek root that we get the word "phosphorus.") Jerome's 4<sup>th</sup>-century Latin Vulgate Bible used the word "Lucifer," the Latin word for the planet Venus (sometimes called "the morning star"). Associations with the "fallen angel" that many see being described in this passage have caused that angel's name to become "Lucifer" after the time of the publication of the Vulgate.

a "Shining morning star, how you have fallen from the heavens! You destroyer of nations, you have been cut down to the ground."

Isaiah 14:12 (1 of 5 for Feb 19)

b "You said to yourself: 'I will ascend to the heavens; I will set up my throne above the stars of God.'"

Isaiah 14:13 (2 of 5 for Feb 19)

c "I will sit on the mount of the gods' assembly, in the remotest parts of the North."

Isaiah 14:13 (3 of 5 for Feb 19)

d "I will ascend above the highest clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

Isaiah 14:14 (4 of 5 for Feb 19)

e "But you will be brought down to Sheol [the grave] into the deepest regions of the Pit."

Isaiah 14:15 (5 of 5 for Feb 19) Feb 1)

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The Bible verses above are those selected for today for my daily posting on both [FACEBOOK](#) and [TWITTER](#).

See also: [CHRISTOURPASSOVER.org](http://CHRISTOURPASSOVER.org)

(ALL VERSES ARE EXCERPTED FROM THE HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE, HCSB.)

## Additional Verses and Bible Study

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*"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace.*

***You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."***

Jesus, quoted in John 16:33

### PART 19

HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE	COMMENTARY
<p>So don't throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you need endurance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised.</p> <p>For yet in a very little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.</p> <p>But My righteous one will live by faith; and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him.</p> <p>But we are not those who draw back and are destroyed, but those who have faith and obtain life.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HEBREWS 10:35-39</p> <p>Write to the angel of the church in Smyrna: "The First and the Last, the One who was dead and came to life, says: I know your <b>affliction and poverty</b>, yet you are rich. I</p>	<p>We have seen that suffering comes for Christians in many ways. All humans share some of them (illness, misfortune, accidents and the like). But in yesterday's study, we found that those of us who hear, believe, repent, and commit our lives to the way of God and His Son are very likely to be afflicted or persecuted (sometimes greatly) merely for the fact of our faith and beliefs.</p> <p>The entire New Testament is layered with comfort and admonitions to us that we persevere. We are called to endure the sufferings that come as a result of our belief in God, and in the pages of this study, we have already discovered some of the reasons that writers such as Paul urge us on in that direction.</p> <p>Today, we look at yet another reason that the NT writers give us for not giving in to the things or people who afflict us. And that reason can be</p>

know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the Devil is about to throw some of you into prison to test you, and you will have affliction for 10 days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

REVELATION 2:8-10

It is a clear evidence of God's righteous judgment that you will be counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also are **suffering**, since it is righteous for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you and to reward with rest you who are afflicted, along with us. This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His powerful angels, taking vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence and from His glorious strength in that day when He comes to be glorified by His saints and to be admired by all those who have believed, because our testimony among you was believed. And in view of this, we always pray for you that our God will consider you worthy of His calling, and will, by His power, fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-12

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to futility — not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it — in the hope that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage of corruption into the glorious freedom of God's children. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. And not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits — we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. Now in this hope we were saved, yet hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patience.

ROMANS 8:18-25

## BONUS VERSE

summarized by the phrase, "the coming of a better day."

We read today the encouragements given to us by the author of the Book of Hebrews, and by the Apostles Paul and John.

In Hebrews 10, the author tells us never to lose our confidence, but rather to move ahead with endurance. The road that is now taking us through trials and sufferings is the road God has set before us which will lead to our "great reward." We will "receive that which was promised." Those who hold back from that journey will be destroyed. But we are "those who have faith and obtain life."

The written record was from John, but the passage in the left column from Revelation is straight from Christ, "the First and the Last, the One who was dead and came to life." He writes to the church in Smyrna (located in present-day Turkey) to comfort them in their affliction and poverty. He knows how they are being persecuted, but His message is clear: "**Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer.**"

He warns them that some will be thrown in prison, some will be subject to death. But it will last only a relatively short time. And afterward, they should take heart, because He is coming to give them "the crown of life."

And finally there's Paul, one of our most frequent companions in this Biblical journey we are making. He also assures the Church that God knows of our suffering, and that it will be God's work "to repay with affliction those who afflict you — and to reward with rest you who are afflicted."

He expands on that theme by saying that, at Christ's return, He will "take vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel. They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence and from His glorious strength in that day." (There are some who would tell you that these words are mere allegory, because neither God or Christ would send real fire down to destroy massive numbers of people. Even if that's true, I still wouldn't want to be the recipient of even "metaphorical fire" and "eternal absence from Christ"!)

Paul has told us what will become of those who are causing our suffering. But what about us? Paul likens our plight to the entire creation. It is "groaning together with labor pains until now," and we likewise "groan within ourselves" — even though we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Paul tells us to hope for that reward, that peace, that comfort that we do not currently see, and to wait for it all with patience.

One last bonus verse, one of Paul's most frequently quoted passages. We are suffering, but we are told we can look on the suffering as learning and perfecting. We know that whatever

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

the absolutely best outcome there could possibly be – **that's** exactly what God will do.

“We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God.” Live each day, knowing that, when suffering hits us, every step we make forward is leading us to God.

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#### USAGE OF THE NAME OF GOD IN THESE VERSES AND STUDIES

As I do in all my Daily and Additional Verses, whenever an OT passage contains the four-letter Name of God יהוה (transliteration: YHVH or YHWH), I change the translation from The LORD to Yahweh. (Yahweh seems to be the most common transliteration of the name, but I have recently come across some very persuasive arguments that the name was originally Yehovah.)

I don't make this change for reasons of doctrine (*or because I think my prayers won't be heard if I don't pronounce God's name correctly!*) – but simply because in the original Hebrew context, **the word is a proper name.** (See Exodus 3:15 below.)

And as such, I believe to read the text in a way that uses a proper name (and not a title, like Lord) conveys more accurate information. Paul told us that “All Scripture is inspired by God,” and so why wouldn't we want to read it the way He inspired it? While it is true that the correct pronunciation of YHWH has been lost, “Yahweh” is probably our era's most commonly used equivalent.

*God also said to Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever; this is how I am to be remembered in every generation.”*

Exodus 3:15

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*All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (HCSB)

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